

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1413 without my signature.

California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees' meetings are already open to the public and therefore, it is unnecessary to statutorily authorize a staff person to attend in a member's absence. Executive compensation contracts are currently approved in open meetings and last year CSU adopted changes to their transition pay program that are addressed in this bill. I do not believe that we should be micromanaging the hiring practices at University of California or the California State University system, in ways that may hamper their ability to hire quality instructors and administrators. However, when appropriate, I do believe that there should be transparency in our educational systems so that the public has confidence in our institutions, which is why I am signing Senate Bill 190 that provides some additional openness and accessibility for the public on matters of executive compensation.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger